

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: Ushio et al.

Application No. 09/881,445

Filed: June 13, 2001

Confirmation No. 7027

For: LAYER-THICKNESS DETECTION  
METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
WAFERS AND THE LIKE, AND  
POLISHING APPARATUS

Examiner: Renee R. Berry

Art Unit: 2818

Attorney Reference No. 4641-59261

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Total Claims	15	- 20*	= 0	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2	3**	= 0	\$86.00	\$ 0.00
Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)				\$290.00	
One-month Extension of Time				\$110.00	
Two-month Extension of Time				\$420.00	
Three-month Extension of Time				\$950.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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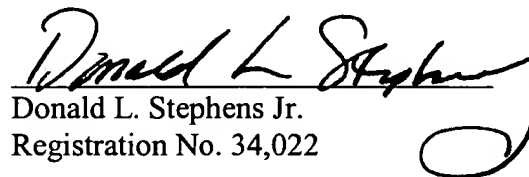
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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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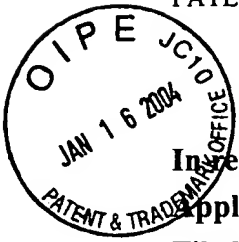
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This responds to the Office action dated October 14, 2003. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.

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